

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the importance of effective leadership in higher education institutions; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Elson S. Floyd has the distinguished honor of serving as the first African American to serve as president of the University of Missouri System; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Floyd has worked tirelessly to advance the interest of Missouri students in their pursuit of quality, affordable higher education; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Elson S. Floyd has previously been recognized by the members of the Missouri General Assembly for his outstanding service and advancement toward excellence on behalf of Missouri students; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Floyd is serving as a member of President George W. Bush's Advisory Board for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Floyd has previously received numerous awards including the 2007 Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Service Award from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Floyd is, this evening, receiving a meritorious service award in honor of these efforts:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the diverse and historic accomplishments by Dr. Elson S. Floyd as the first African-American president of the University of Missouri System; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Elson S. Floyd.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Robin Wright Jones  
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker